

Weighted Fluid Extraction Tube

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 One embodiment of the disclosures made herein is a fluid dispensing apparatus having a weighted fluid extraction tube. In accordance with such an embodiment, a fluid container includes a neck portion and a closed end generally opposite the neck portion. A body is mounted on the neck portion of the fluid container. A fluid extraction tube is attached at a delivery end thereof to the body. The fluid extraction tube is attached in a manner enabling fluid to be
10 extracted from within the fluid container and dispensed via the body. A weighting element is attached to the fluid extraction tube adjacent to a pick-up end of the fluid extraction tube, thereby providing a weighted fluid extraction tube. The weighting element provides for displacement of the pick-up end of the fluid extraction tube to a gravity-induced position within the fluid container. The weighted fluid extraction tube disclosed herein prevents the pick-up end of the
15 fluid extraction tube from becoming uncovered by fluid when the fluid level within the fluid container drops sufficiently and when the fluid dispensing apparatus is being used in a tilted (e.g., upward or downward) orientation.